THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Total outlet of water every day will very from mine to mine depending upon geological conditions of the strata. Precautions to be adopted in metalliferous and coal mines against danger from surface water and danger from underground inundation are laid down in Regulations 127 and 128 of the Metalliferous Mines Regulations 1961 and for coal mines in Regulations 126 and 127 of the Goal Mines Regulations 1957.

Licence for Max Equipment in West Bengal

7153. DR. ASIM BALA:
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request was received by the Union Government for sanctioning Industrial Licence for manufacturing of Max Equipment in Salt Lake;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had agreed to issue a licence wit the condition of I.T.I. participation therein;

(c) whether the project has since been shifted to Bangalore unit of I.T.I.;

(d) if so, the time by which the request of 'Webel'a state undertaken will also be allowed to set 10 (ten) thousand line max in West Bengal; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Under the New Industrial Policy manufacture of all types of Switching Equipment including MAX equipment has been de-lincenced. Accordingly, M/s. Webel can set up a MAX production units without any Industrial Licence from Government of India.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

[*Translation*]

Corruption in Postal Department in Delhi

7154. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints have been received by the Government regarding corruption in the postal department, Delhi Division;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last five years the following number of complaints have been received in respect of Delhi Postal Circle:

1987-88	:	Two
1988-89	:	Eleven (2 anonymous)
1989-90	:	Twelve (4 anonymous)
1990-91	:	Thirteen (7 anonymous)
1991-92	:	Five (2 anonymous)

(c) All the complaints received by the Circle were got investigated at the appropriate level. In thirteen cases suitable action was taken against the officials at fault. Other 30 complaints in which the allegations could not be substantiated or were of anonymous nature were filed after enquiries,

[*English*]

Private partnership in IISCO

7155. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had directed SBI-Capital Market Limited (SBI-CAP) to find out the possibility of private partnership of non-resident Indians in the Indian Iron and Steel Company by making capital investment;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received report from S.B.I. - C.A.P.

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) While clearing the Ministry's proposal for Modernisation of the Burnpur Steel Works of Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO), the appraising agencies and the Public Investment Board directed the Ministry to fully explore the possibilities of private participation in IISCO/IISCO Modernisation Project. Accordingly, Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has engaged SBI-CAP to fully explore the possibilities of private (Indian, including non-resident Indian, and overseas) participation and advise SAIL thereon.

(b) and (c). The Report of SBI-CAP is yet to be received in SAIL.

(d) After the Report is received and examined, appropriate recommendations will be formulated for consideration and final decision.

[*Translation*]

Profit/Loss in ITDC Hotels in Delhi

7156. SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the ITDC hotels and restaurants in Delhi running in profit/loss during the last three years; and

(b) the reasons for loss and the actin being taken by Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The information is given in the attached Statement.

(b) The gulf war and its aftermath, internal disturbances in some parts of the county etc., were some of the main reasons for the losses.

The steps being taken by ITDC to improve financial performance of its hotels *inter-alia* include product improvement, control over expenditure, special package tours for promoting domestic tourism, incentives through discounts, marketing and reservation tie-ups etc.